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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZZIO.

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ITEM NO: ER-4

DATE: 26 NOVEMBER 1979

SUBJECT: CHINESE ENGINEER REGIMENT DEPARTING LAOS

REF

THE CHINESE 879TH

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ENGINEER REGIMENT AT PHONG SALY IN NORTHWEST LAOS BEGAN TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY ON NOVEMBER 23. ROAD WORK HAS CEASED IN THE AREA IN WHICH IT HAD BEEN ACTIVE, AND THE CHINESE HAVE BEEN HOLDING ROAD TRANSFER CEREMONIES PRIOR TO TURNING ROUTE 4/4B--WHICH RUNS SOUTHWEST FROM PHONG SALY TO PERG-LA--OVER TO THE LAOTIANS.

THE 879TH ENGINEER REGIMENT HAS BEEN IN LAOS SINCE LATE 1972 AND IS ONE OF SOME SEVEN CHINESE ENGINEER REGIMENTS IDENTIFIED IN LAOS. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE UNIT WILL BE REPLACED SINCE THE CHINESE ARE STILL ENGAGED IN A MAJOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE NORTH CENTRAL PART OF THE COUNTRY.

1 CHINESE STRENGTH IN LAOS IS NOW ESTIMATED AT OVER 20,000 MEN.

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